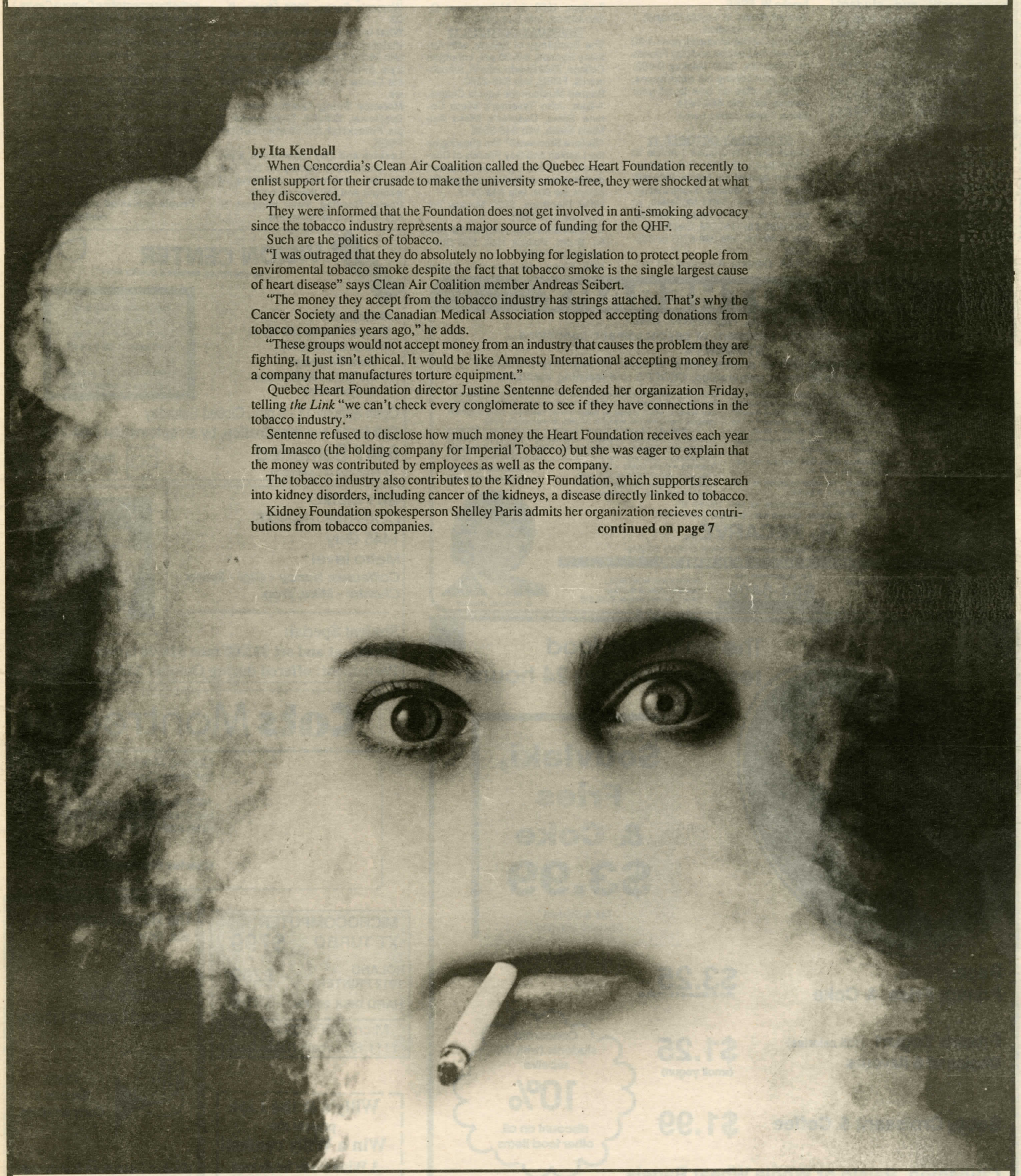
Inside the politics of tobacco



by Ita Kendall

When Concordia's Clean Air Coalition called the Quebec Heart Foundation recently to enlist support for their crusade to make the university smoke-free, they were shocked at what they discovered.

They were informed that the Foundation does not get involved in anti-smoking advocacy since the tobacco industry represents a major source of funding for the QHF.

Such are the politics of tobacco.

"I was outraged that they do absolutely no lobbying for legislation to protect people from enviromental tobacco smoke despite the fact that tobacco smoke is the single largest cause of heart disease" says Clean Air Coalition member Andreas Seibert.

"The money they accept from the tobacco industry has strings attached. That's why the Cancer Society and the Canadian Medical Association stopped accepting donations from tobacco companies years ago," he adds.

"These groups would not accept money from an industry that causes the problem they are fighting. It just isn't ethical. It would be like Amnesty International accepting money from a company that manufactures torture equipment."

Quebec Heart Foundation director Justine Sentenne defended her organization Friday, telling *the Link* "we can't check every conglomerate to see if they have connections in the tobacco industry."

Sentenne refused to disclose how much money the Heart Foundation receives each year from Imasco (the holding company for Imperial Tobacco) but she was eager to explain that the money was contributed by employees as well as the company.

The tobacco industry also contributes to the Kidney Foundation, which supports research into kidney disorders, including cancer of the kidneys, a disease directly linked to tobacco.

Kidney Foundation spokesperson Shelley Paris admits her organization recieves contributions from tobacco companies.

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AGENDA

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

Social Justice Committee of Montreal Volunteer Orientation, 7pm, 2338 St Antoine St W. Info 933-6797.

Amateur Radio Club Meeting, H-644-1.Weekly classes, and personal world-wide communications. Info 848-7421.

Central America Committee Meeting, 4 pm, P-203, 2020 Mackay. Info 848-7410

Le Mercure a la Baie James, with Charles Dumont, 6 pm, salle Marie-Gerin-Lajoie, UQAM. FREE. Info 282-4118

GEMS-group of the electronic music studio, 8 pm, Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke W, FREE.

Sacred Music in Loyola Chapel, 1 pm. FREE meditation

Coming Out Day luncheon, noon-1:30 pm, with the Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia, 2020 Mackay P-102. Share your coming out experiences, compare notes on how to tell your parents, etc. Info 848-7414.

Elena finally comes home.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

Lunch Out with Chapter 1 Article 10 Committee, at the Peel Pub. Demonstration against the restuarant's policy of gay & lesbian discrimination. Meet in lobby, 3480 McTavish, at noon, or at 12:30 in front of Peel Pub. Sponsored by GALOM, Gay & Lesbians of McGill. Info 398-6787 or 848-7406

CASA General Assembly, 11 am. Call CASA at 848-7436 for details.

Food for Thought - lunch hour discussion on Environment and Peace sponsored by Campus Ministry. 11:45-1pm. Info 848-3585.

International Lending by banks and debt crisis, with Arvind K.Jain, McGill. 2 -4pm, 1550 de Maisonneuve O, GM-403-02. Info 848-2914.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13

The Sociology of Beauty, with Anthony Synnott, 4-5:30 pm, Lonergan College, 7302 Sherbrooke W, refreshments, FREE, info 848-2280

Sacred Music in the Loyola Chapel, 1-2pm, John Taverner's Missa Corona Spina, Desprez's Missa Ave Maris Stella. Info 848-3588

"Before Stonewall" film showing by the Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia, H-333-6, 2 pm. An acclaimed documentary on lesbian and gay life before the 60s. Info 848-7417.

Hillel Elections, 2020 Mackay, rm 202. call 848-7492.

CBC/McGill series: Andree Azar, violin. 8 pm, Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke W, FREE.

NFB Films about women- "Worth Every Minute, The Legacy of Mary McEwan" Maison de la Culture, NDG, 3755 Botrel,7 pm. FREE. Info 872-2157.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14

Reunic, self-help single parent group, general meeting, 1 pm, Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay P-03.

What is the role of universities in revitalizing international development - with Michel Chevalier, York University. 2 pm, 3715 Peel, rm 100. Sponsored by the Centre for Developing Area Studies.

Morency String Quartet, works by Beethoven, Schafer, Shostakovich. 8 pm, Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke St W, FREE.

Lesbian and Gay coffeehouse, 8 pm, FA annex, 2060 Mackay rm 202. Coffee, tea, refreshments, socializing. All lesbians and gay men welcome.

Poetry Reading, Peter Klappert, H-420, 8:30 pm, refreshments.

GENERAL

Did you know that when you registered, you were charged a "voluntary" Capital Campaign Fee of $1 per credit ($30 per full-time student)? If you want a refund, just go to either CUSA office and fill out a form(H-637 at Sir George or the basement of the Campus Centre.)

Latin America Today show on CKUT 90.3 FM (radio McGill) features, news, interviews, and Latin music, Saturday 5-5:30pm. Volunteers needed. 398-6787 message.

Paterson Ewen: The Montreal Years, at the Concordia Art Gallery, Sept 15-Oct 22. FREE. 70 drawings and paintings from the late 40s to the end of the 60s, landscape to geometrics.

Practice Room with piano, AD-121, Loyola, 11-3pm daily. Also **Debating Society** Meetings every Wednesday 7 pm, H-333-6, and every Friday 2 pm, H-625. Info 848-7412.

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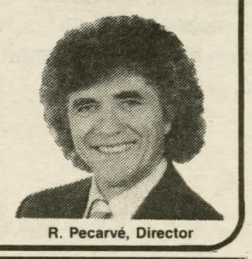

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Smelly vermin invade

Rats spent summer in residence

by Chris Heald

Students living in a Loyola residence were plagued by an infestation of rats over the summer and are demanding the university clean up the building.

Until September, Langley Hall residents on Sherbrooke Street were forced to live with the stench of rotting rat corpses and flies crawling out of holes in the walls. Although exterminators were called in to kill the rats, some students clubbed a rat to death with a hockey stick.

Langley resident Kelly Savoy said students returning to the building from vacations were shocked to discover that rats had slipped into the basement.

"The rats brought down the morale of the residence," said Savoy. "Most people were upset that they weren't notified about the problem."

Langley Hall director Julia Denker telephoned AA Expert exterminators in August after learning the rats had slipped into the sewage system, which physical plant workers had been repairing. Last month, Denker reassured residents that no other rats would creep into the building.

"A few days after they died, the rats got all maggoty and stank up the place," said a Langley resident who wished to remain anonymous.

"The exterminators had to crawl under the floor with flashlights and pull out the carcasses with broom handles. When they were out of reach, they just let them turn to dust."

Exterminators used Bromone, a poison which kills rats by solidifing their blood and dehydrating them.

Bromone makes rats thirsty so they rush to find water, usually in sewers, where they die away from people.

Karen Prosciak and four other residents have since formed an ad-hoc committee to make sure that the building is cleaned up.

Prosciak said students are fed up with the condition of the building, adding that when students returned to Langley Hall during the summer, they noticed that bathrooms were filthy, carpets had not been shampooed and rooms had not been painted.

"We're tenants in a building, we pay rent, and we want it to be cleaned and maintained," said Prosciak.

A student pays $193 a month for a single room at Langley Hall.

An AA Expert exterminator said the poison he used on the rats is fatal to humans only if swallowed.

"It's just like cement. It just hardens the blood in your veins, until they explode," he said, describing the way Bromone affects rats.

Although the Langley rats lived in the basement, they sometimes searched for water around bathrooms and died under the residence floor.

Residents discovered the presence of the rodents when they found boxes of rat poison under kitchen sinks. Bromone was also tucked into holes in the walls and under the floors.

Soon after the poison took its toll, an overpowering smell filled the air. One dead rat under the floor boards attracted hundreds of flies alerting the residents to the rat infestation problem.

Alison, who refused to give her last name, was forced to spend a day at her friend's house after a rat died under her room.

"Had they not fixed the situation, I would have moved out. It's really disgusting," she said.

The exterminators tore up a study room floor and left it that way for several days while physical plant workers repaired a broken pipe.

Alison added that one student found a rat in a toilet.

The student chased the rat into a room where residents clubbed the rat to death with a hockey stick.

There was an extermination blitz at the end of August to rid the building of the last rats before new residents moved in.

Since the extermination was carried out, rats have not been sighted at Langley Hall.

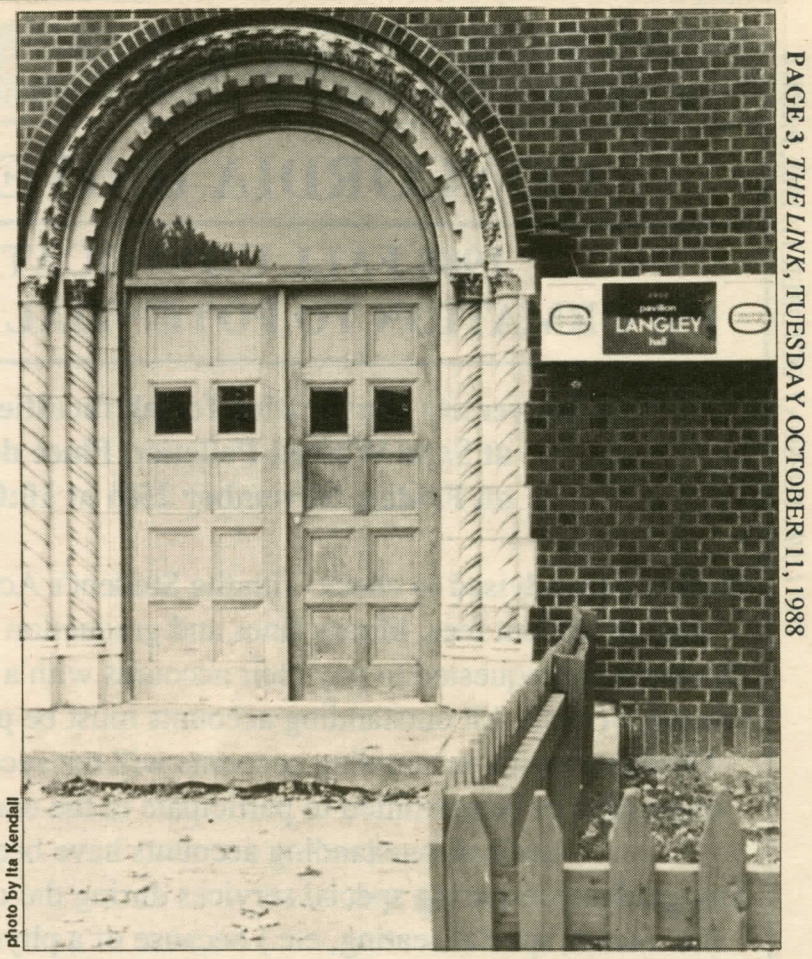

photo by Ita Kendall

Langley Hall residents shared their rooms with rats this summer.

the Link

McGill investigating rape

by Link newsstaff

Police are investigating the alleged sexual assault of a woman by three men during a McGill fraternity party.

The incident is said to have occurred during rookie initiation of rugby players at McGill's oldest fraternity — Zeta Psi — on the night of Sept. 22.

A19-year-old rookie rugby player told police that three members of the fraternity raped her in a backroom during the party for the men's and women's rugby teams.

No charges have been laid.

The university is conducting its own investigation of the incident. According to McGill's Dean of Students Owen Gopnick, the three suspects will face a hearing and could be disciplined.

Rookie members of the rugby team arrived at the party naked after prancing around McGill's campus as part of their initiation.

According to sources at the party, the woman went into the room with one man and two other followed. They said ten other members of the fraternity watched as the woman was raped.

"People guarding the door wouldn't let anyone in," one party-goer who did not want to be identified told the *McGill Daily*.

"One of the girls figured out something was up and tried to get in."

"She went in there and dragged her out. The girl was pretty out of it by that time, I think she'd passed out."

Zeta Psi president Steve Mansfield said the fraternity should not be blamed for the actions of a few members.

"I'm sure the girl has her side of the story," he said. "I can't pass judgement. I'm not involved. It happened at a fraternity sponsored function, but the fraternity isn't responsible for the actions of individuals."

with McGill Daily files

photo by Ita Kendall

MUC police and McGill officials will be looking into what went on behind the doors of this frat house.

Concordia wants $1.4 million

by Heidi Modro

Nearly a year after students and faculty protested before the National Assembly for fairer funding, Education Minister Claude Ryan is strongly considering adding extra funds to Concordia's operating budget.

The Education Ministry has already given extra funds to the university. The Ministry sent Concordia a $650,000 cheque last spring to help pay the rent for Sir George campus buildings.

The sum applies to rents paid between 1983-86.

Education Minister Claude Ryan's aide, Luc Rheaume, said Ryan finally realized high rental costs shouldered by universities was taking its toll on their budgets.

"Mr. Ryan recognizes the specific problems of universities that have rental space in the downtown area," Rheaume said Friday. "We should have an idea by December how much money each university will get."

The Education Ministry will decide how to distribute $3.4 million set aside last spring for traditionally underfunded universities to rent campus buildings.

Concordia is requesting an extra $1.4 million to cover its rental costs for 1986-87.

The university rents space in 19 buildings, such as the Norris building, at cost of more than $6 million a year. More than two thirds is subsidized by the government.

Services vice-rector Charles Giguere said the university is especially concerned about the rental of its downtown buildings.

"Given the fact that a large majority of buildings that Concordia rents are in the downtown area — where rentals are the most expensive in the province — we have over the years paid millions in the difference between what we pay owners of buildings and what we receive from government."

The Ministry's formula calculates university rental rates based on a provincial average, even though downtown Montreal rates are the highest in the province. If a campus building rent is higher than the provincial average, the university that must pay the difference.

"The government is finally recognizing that rental rates are not the same in Montreal as they are in Trois-Rivieres," said physical plant manager Frank Papineau.

"We've no intention to run a deficit with respect to rentals," said Giguere. "We're glad the government has recognized the inequity of this situation."

Concordia received a $105 million operating grant from Quebec last year and is expected to receive more money this year when Ryan revises his funding formula.

Correction

Because of editing errors, a front page story in the Oct. 4 issue of the Link ("Canada ignorant about steroids"), was not completely factual..

Neale McDevitt was not defending his steroid use or condoning its use by other athletes. In fact, McDevitt quit weightlifting because he was "tired of taking steroids during training."

The Link regrets the errors.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

1988 FALL CONVOCATION
INFORMATION TO POTENTIAL GRADUATES

A university convocation for all faculties will be held at Salle Wilfred-Pelletier, Place des Arts, on Friday, November 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Students are advised to check with the Student's Accounts Office to ensure that all student fees, library fines and graduation fees have been paid. Students are requested to pay their accounts with a money-order, certified cheque, or cash. All outstanding accounts must be paid by November 18th. Graduates with outstanding accounts will not receive degrees, official transcripts or be permitted to participate in the convocation ceremonies until all outstanding accounts have been cleared.

Any graduate requiring special services during the convocation ceremonies (i.e. escort, special seating, etc.) because of a physical handicap, please contact Ann Kerby, co-ordinator of Handicapped Services at 848-3501.

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Shuttle bus misses Concave annex

by Donna Riffin

Graduate engineering students doing research at a St. Jacques Street annex are hopping mad because of irregular shuttle bus service.

The students have launched a petition to get better service. They also want an "official bus-stop" in front of Concave, at 6627 St. Jacques St. West, corner of Madison.

The Concave building is the only stop between the Sir George Williams and Loyola campuses.

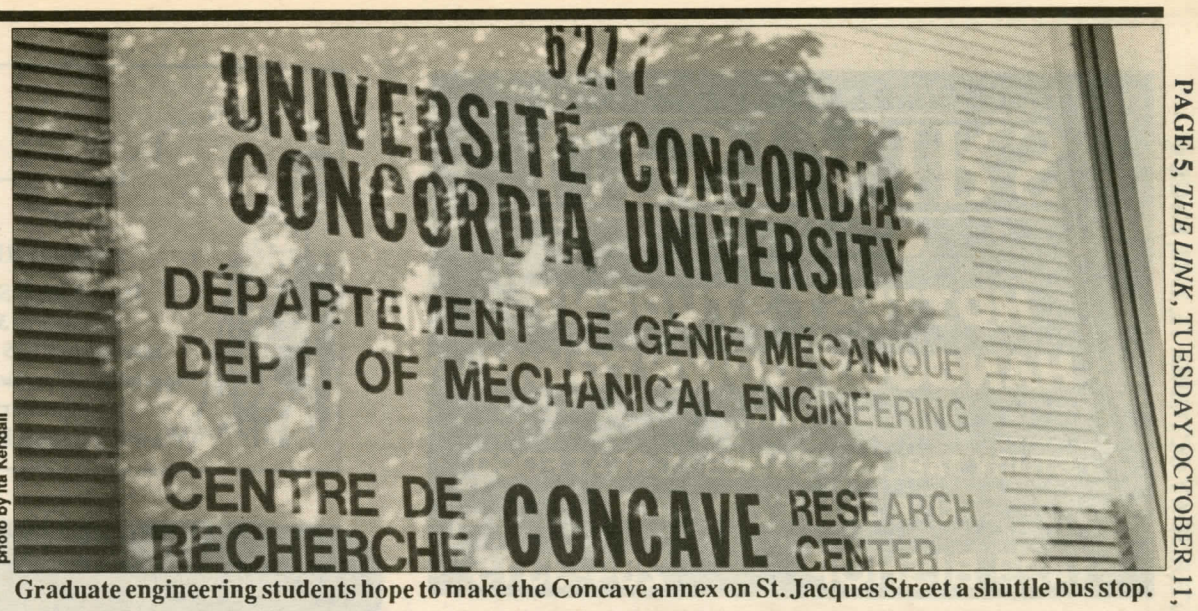
"It seems like a real chore for them (the bus driver) to stop. They don't arrive on time and it sometimes takes forty-five minutes to get a ride on the bus," said a student who did not want to be identified.

"Sometimes, even when the bus is not full, it fails to stop on the way back to the Hall building.

"The driver said he would not stop at Concave because it was not an official stop," said the student.

Concordia transportation officer Larry Talbot said he was unaware of shuttle bus problems at Concave.

"No one has ever complained about the services," he said. "But, when a problem arises I should be informed and I'll take care of the problem."



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Graduate engineering students hope to make the Concave annex on St. Jacques Street a shuttle bus stop.

University tour tells students...

Free trade endangers universities

HALIFAX (CUP) — The editor of a Toronto magazine is taking the fight against free trade to university campuses because she says the deal will drastically alter post-secondary education in Canada.

Universities will be less accessible as Canadian social spending is cut in favour of a more competitive, "Americanized" system, said Kathy Koulas, the editor of Rebel Youth, a Toronto bimonthly.

"The trend will be towards more corporate control of education," she said, launching a cross-country tour at Dalhousie and St. Mary's universities in Halifax.

"There will be a push to put emphasis on applied sciences, a trend to reduce education down to the lowest common denominator, and then cut back because not as many people will be needed."

Free trade is a big issue in the federal election campaign. United States President Ronald Reagan signed the deal Into law last month, but the legislation died on the order paper in Canada when Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called an election for November 21.

Student newspapers across the country are running national advertisements funded by the Department of External Affairs. The theme is "Free trade. We're getting ready now."

Koulas is also worried that American universities will have an easier time of setting up satellite campuses in Canada.

Monte Kwinter, Ontario's Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology believes the deal might encourage U.S. institutions to cross the border. But he said last January that high tuition fees should act as a deterrent.

"Where we do have the control is that our universities are all state-financed," said Kwinter, adding that Ontario student loan programs help defray the costs of education at Canadian universities only.

The biggest markets for American university extension courses are Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. Ontario alone has about 500 students enrolled in evening and weekend classes.

A post-graduate degree in education from New York's Niagara University, which can be completed in Ontario, costs almost $8,000 compared to $2,000 from a Toronto institution And an official for the Council of Ontario Universities said the American programs are easier to get into, but that expectations of academic achievement are low.

Koulas is pushing for student unions to play an active role in fighting free trade, but has so far met with little success.

"Leadership of student unions is shifting to the right," she said, pointing to a recent Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) conference.

At the lobby group's May generaX meeting in Victoria, B.C., a motion to recognize free trade as a threat to education was vetoed.

Said Koulas, "Obviously they're taking a hands-offapproach to the whole situation. It seems that the route that CFS is taking is trying to make student politics a passive thing."

The next CFS conference — scheduled for November 1 to 6 in Ottawa — could be the last chance for student leaders to mobilize against the free trade deal, believes Koulas.

"The CFS conference before the federal election should set he tone for what the student union movement should be doing," she said. "They should try and find out as much as they can about the implications of free trade."

Some action has been taken by students, though it's not quite what Koulas has in mind.

In February, a group of university students launched the Alliance for the Future of Young Canadians in Ottawa's swanky Chateau Laurier. Membership included the 1987-88 student council presidents at the universities of Manitoba, Carleton and Queen's, although all three said they were supporting the coalition as individuals and not as council representatives.

The alliance supports the free trade bid, and will disband once the deal has gone through, members said.

And in Winnipeg, the University of Manitoba's student council refused to grant club status to a campus-based chapter of the Council of Canadians in mid-September. The CoC, founded by well-known publisher and professional nationalist Mel Hurtig, is strongly against free trade.

"Our main objective right now is to get people out to speak against free trade," said Koulas. "We're hoping to motivate young people to organize against it."

Koulas stressed her belief that most Canadian students aren't really aware of the implications of free trade.

"I think most people don't understand what the agreement means in the first place. Students are falling prey to that pro-free trade rhetoric that says, 'Have confidence in Canada, have confidence in yourself.'"

Coalition demands action

Housing policy slammed

MONTREAL (CUP) — About 40 activists set up tents around the corner from Quebec Liberal party offices September 26 to demand government action on housing.

Tenants should spend about one week's pay on rent — and the current provincial average is 50 per cent of a worker' monthly salary, said protest organizer Pierre Gaudreau of the province-wide housing-rights coalition le Front d'action populaire en ramenagement urbain.

Gaudreau said affordable housing isn't available, and the longer Premier Robert Bourassa's Grit government ignores the crisis the worse it will get.

"The government right now favours the private landlords," he said. "We want some of that money that they are giving them for renovations to go to social (low-income) housing."

The protestors spent the day camping out in a park, then left after delivering letters of protest to Liberal officials.

Gaudreau said the government has been promising "imminent" release of a social housing policy since 1987. Municipal Affairs Minister Andre Bourbeau said a policy would be announced in "a matter of days" last June — just before he was shuffled to another portfolio.

Press secretary Sylvie Marier said replacement Pierre Paradis won't do anything until after the Social Aid Reform bill is made law, possibly in December. She refused to discuss what a new housing policy will include.

Paradis was also responsible for the Social Aid Reform package in his old Social Affairs portfolio. It has been condemned by labour and anti-poverty groups. Bill 37 will cut benefits and increase policing of welfare recipients, critics charge.

And Paradis' press secretary says Quebecers can expect more of the same: "The two policies touch the same, low-income population," Marier said.

Said Gaudreau: "Low income people have waited long enough."

The minister's inaction shows that the Liberal government is not interested in housing, he added.

The Bourassa government abolished the ministry of housing in 1985 and made housing the responsibility of the Minister for Municipal Affairs. They have also cut funding for low-income, subsidized housing by 50 per cent since taking power in 1986, and abolished technical and financial assistance programs for co-operative housing.

Gaudreau's group estimates that the housing crisis has hit more than one million Quebecers and that numbers are growing steadily. About 35,000 households are on waiting lists for low-income housing, according to the coalition.

Gunman killed

Downtown shootout ends at Norris building

by Link newsstaff

After a gun battle with police last Friday, a mysterious man died in the Norris building basement.

Police followed a trail of blood from Stanley Street to the Norris building basement where the suspect had crawled after being shot twice.

The gun battle, which left one bystander and a MUC constable wounded, broke out shortly after 8 p.m. on Stanley Street north of St. Catherine Street.

Station 25 issued a general warning over police radios after pedestrians reported seeing a bearded heavy-set man carrying a .38 calibre revolver under his coat.

Upon sighting the man on St. Catherine Street near Drummond Street, police summoned the suspect to stop. He immediately fled towards Stanley Street firing his gun twice in opposite directions.

He was then shot by a second policeman and collapsed on the sidewalk. Bleeding profusely, he died minutes after being found by police.

Const. Alain Richard and a 59 year-old Verdun man were treated for injuries at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

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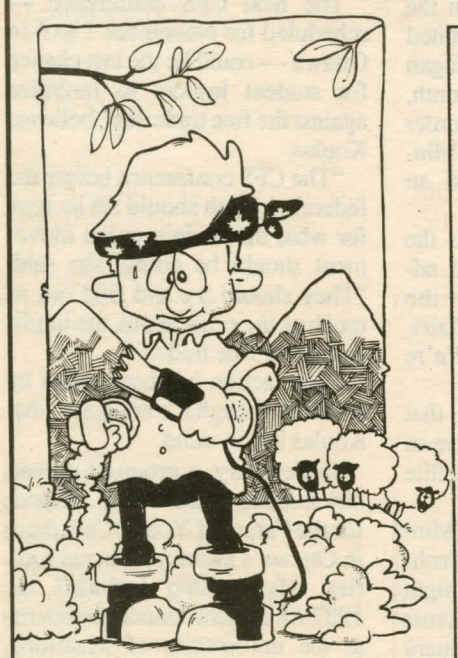

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Putting profits before health

Suffocated by the politics of tobacco

continued from cover

by Ita Kendall

"From a non-profit organization's point of view, how can you turn down these donations when it is already so difficult to raise money" Paris said.

The Kidney Foundation does not do any lobbying or advocacy work to protect people from tobacco nor does it speak out against the tobacco companies.

Until recently, tobacco company executives were running the Kidney Foundation and organizing their fund drives.

Victor Drury, a former senior vice-president at Imasco, served as the foundation's executive director until last month, when he left to campaign for re-election as a Liberal MP.

Paul Pare, who was the chief executive officer for Imasco, recently served as the corporate campaign chairperson for the Kidney Foundation.

Drury and Pare both deny that there is any connection between tobacco and cancer of the kidneys or any other diseases.

TOBACCO BIGWIGS RULE BY THE BUCK

Seibert, who is lobbying for a smoke-free Concordia, said he is disillusioned by the politics of tobacco, where profit is more important than health concerns.

"These foundations do not want to bite the hand that feeds them," he said, adding that Sentenne became angry when he questioned her about the money the Heart Foundation receives from Imasco.

Concordia is not free from the taint of tobacco politics either.

Seibert notes that prominent industrialist Paul Martin Jr., who has been considered for the federal Liberal party leadership, serves on Concordia's Board of Governors. Martin has also served on the board of directors of Imasco.

Later this year, the Board of Governors will have to vote on whether to ban smoking on campus.

David Sweanor, an attorney representing the Non-Smokers' Rights Association, said the tobacco dilemma should no longer center on health because countless medical studies have proven that the substance causes heart disease, cancer and obstructive lung disease.

"It's not just a health issue anymore," Sweanor told a Concordia audience last March. Rather, he explained, the tobacco problem is political because it involves fighting the industry which manufactures and sells the harmful substance.

"If you know of a lake that's dying, and you want to find out what's causing it, that's a question of health," he said. "Once you find out that the cause is a particular factory on the lake, it's no longer a health issue — you are now dealing with a political problem — how do you bring about change?"

FEAR AND VIOLENCE IN THE TOBACCO WORLD

Non-smoking activists around the world speaking out against the tobacco industry are used to receiving threats on their lives. Sweanor cites numerous examples which reveal the ruthlessness of the tobacco industry, from Kenya to Hong Kong.

"Dr. Judith McKay of Hong Kong has had threats against her life because she is fighting the tobacco industry," Sweanor said. "She's been run off the road and when she leaves the colony for a trip, she's been told not to bother coming back."

In Kenya, British journalist John Medeley, who reports on global agriculture has received threats and requires "a personal letter of permission from the president of the country" to travel in certain areas of Kenya.

Medeley wrote articles about how the tobacco industry in Kenya has destroyed the countryside by cutting down trees for fuel to dry the tobacco being grown there. Sweanor was with Medeley when an executive from British American Tobacco threatened him. Later the tobacco company used its influence with the Kenyan government, which severely restricted Medeley's access to the tobacco growing regions of the country.

MR. TOBACCO GOES TO OTTAWA

Sweanor notes that in Canada, tobacco companies have been involved in politics since the days of Louis St. Laurent.

"This has been a tradition with the tobacco companies," said Sweanor, referring to the industries' ability to buy political influence.

In 1964, when the U.S. Surgeon General first identified smoking as a health threat and a modern epidemic, the tobacco industry had already acquired immense political clout. Reacting to the Surgeon General's report, Health Minister Judy LaMarche stood up in the House of Commons and said significant things would have too be done about this problem. Nothing was done.

That same year, former Prime Minister Louis St-Laurent, who still wielded enormous political influence, was serving as chairperson of Rothman's board of directors.

Today, Canadian politics are just as clouded by tobacco influence. Bill Neville, an influential lobbyist, former chief of staff for Joe Clark and a good friend of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, heads the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council. Neville reputedly earns in excess of $300,000 per year. William Kelly, a Tory Senator, serves as chairperson for Rothman's board of directors. Kelly knows very little about tobacco and a great deal about political maneuvering.

Canada has three tobacco manufacturers — Imperial Tobacco with 54 per cent of the market, Rothmans Du Maurier (30 per cent) and RJR MacDonald (16 per cent). Each of these are in turn owned or controlled by a few huge corporations, such as British American Tobacco, Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco, which dominate the tobacco industry in every industrialized country and in the third world, with the exception of a few state-run tobacco industries.

All of these tobacco companies are diversified, owning everything from drugstore chains to insurance companies and major food manufacturers. But this does not mean that they would be willing to give up the immensely profitable tobacco business.

The tobacco business rakes in as much as 40 per cent profit from the sale of tobacco products. No other industry can come anywhere near this level of profitability, according to Sweanor. These profits are what allowed the companies to diversify in the first place.

TOBACCO SMOKESCREENS

When the Canadian government introduced legislation to regulate tobacco advertising (Bill C-51) last year, the industry spent more than $4 million opposing it.

Part of the campaign against this single piece of legislation was an extremely deceptive ploy. The industry composed dozens of letters in different styles of type objecting to the bill. They sent the letters out to two million Canadians asking that they sign the letter and send it to their MP in the enclosed stamped and addressed envelope. The letters were intended to represent a groundswell of protest aginst such a severe and restrictive law.

The scam — uncovered by the Non-Smokers' Rights Association — failed and the bill was passed last summer.

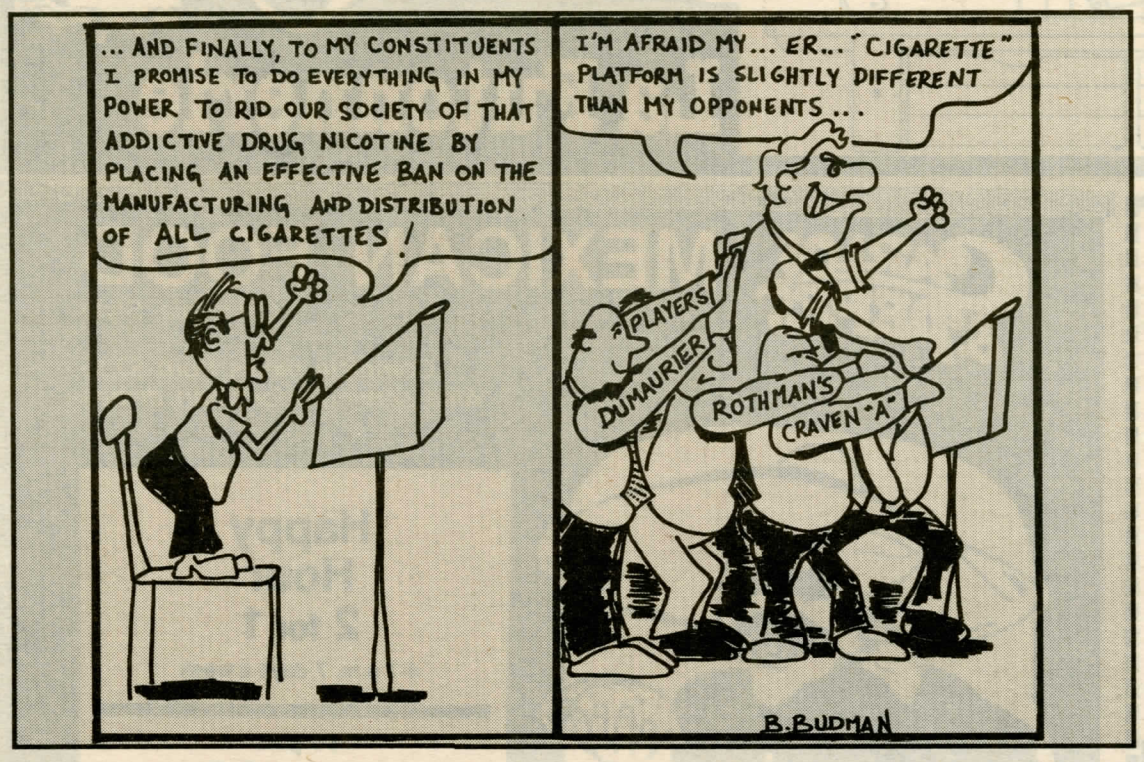
In addition to this scam, the tobacco industry employs many pawns. Sweanor explained that the pawns are everyone from the tobacco farmers and tobacco factory workers to smokes' rights groups — often dummy organizations founded and funded by the tobacco industry. Although these individuals or groups work for or get money from the companies, it is minimal compared to the companies earnings.

The pawns are convenient for the industry to hide behind when it is justifying the manufacture of tobacco products on the basis of its importance to the economy. Montreal's Smokers' Freedom Society, which is funded by the tobacco industry, is supposed to represent smokers.

However the group "doesn't want to know what chemical additives go into cigarettes or about specific warnings on packages which would allow customers to make informed decisions on smoking," Sweanor said. These groups appear to be smokers' rights advocates when in fact they are relaying the industry's point of view.

The tobacco industry spends millions of dollars and uses every device avilable, from political influence to intimidation in order to sustain itself.

Both Sweanor and Seibert agree that the only way to fight the companies is active advocacy on the parts of private individuals, groups and all levels of government. Without an active and vocal opposition to tobacco products, the industry will continue to harvest the profits of a "modern epidemic."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Tobacco myths exposed

"If a government minister of health tells you that tobacco is killing 35,000 Canadians a year, that's interesting. But if the government doesn't do anything about it, you don't really believe it and you certainly don't look at the details!" says non-smoking advocate David Sweanor.

Few people know all of the facts about smoking and most believe the myth that it is less deadly than alcohol abuse.

Surveys reveal that only 30 per cent of Canadians are aware that smoking results in heart disease, the leading cause of death due to smoking.

Most Canadians think alcohol is a far more dangerous substance than cigarettes. But according to Health and Welfare Canada:

* 600,000 Canadians are dependent on alcohol, while 7,300,000 are dependent on cigarettes.

* Alcohol related deaths number almost 18,000, while deaths attributed to smoking number 35,000.

The tobacco industry would like Canadians to believe that it is an important contributor to the Canadian economy. In fact:

*Tobacco Companies contribute $3 billion, over half is in the form of tax

*The economic costs of smoking total $5.2 billion — including lost income due to early deaths, 45.5 million lost working days, 1,925,000 days of hospitalization, doctors visits and fires.

Health & Welfare Canada includes among alcohol deaths — car accidents involving alcohol, fires, falls, drownings, suicides and homicides, as well as a large number of diseases which are related to alcohol consumption.

-- by Ita Kendall

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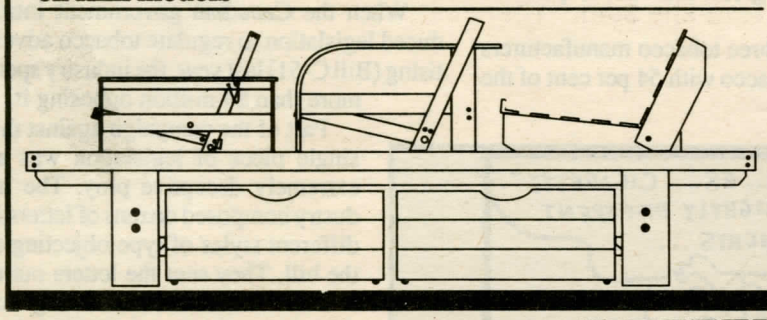

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Letters

"Sensationalist drivel"

to the editors,

Over the last two weeks I have been interviewed by the *Montreal Daily News*, Newswatch, Quebec AM, Sunday Morning and CIRL as well as having spoken to a Sports Administration class here at Concordia. It seems that as a former amateur athlete (five years on the Canadian Weightlifting Team) who freely admits to having used steroids, I have become somewhat topical. Originally I came forward because I had grown extremely tired of watching the rather naive and, unfortunately, shallow handling of the steroid issue by the media corps. Considering the media's recent inquisitional history, whereby athletes who tested positive were immediately branded "cheats" and "criminals", I was pleasantly surprised by the sympathy and professionalism by which the media received my story. Pleasantly surprised that is until I read the October 4th article on me in *the Link*.

In all the interviews I have done, including the one for *the Link*, I have been attempting to illustrate to the media and the public, the athlete's perspective concerning the complexities and pressures inherent in high level athletics. I have been trying to shed some light on the seriously flawed system(s) currently in place at both the international and national levels that are major contributors in an athlete's unfortunate decision to take steroids. It is not a case of a few athlete's cheating; it is not a widespread and extremely complex situation that far too few people knew anything about. Alas, despite my good intentions, this attempt to shed some light on the subject went entirely for nought as the editorial ineptitude of certain scribes turned it into nothing more than a sampling of sensationalist drivel. Obviously weaned on "The National Enquirer" and "The Sun" these two news giants (apply sarcasm liberally and at random), left the reader with an unfortunate one dimensional image of me as an unrepentant, renegade, pro-steroid asshole stuck tragically in the "I only use 'dem because 'dey all use dem" made of justification.

"Unforunate" because the issue is much more complex than the editors or my simplistic front page alter ego would have you believe.

In my interview with *the Link* I tried to illustrate how the problem does not only originate from across the ocean behind the evil and mysterious Iron Curtain. Right here in our own backyard Canada's athletes face enormous pressures trying to achieve the ludicrous high standards of the Canadian Olympic Association. The C.O.A. in all its bureaucratic detachment has told Canadian athletes that they must compete at the same level as their Eastern Bloc counterparts in order to be selected for major competition (like the Olympics) or to receive any funding. The catch 22 is that they are also told not to take steroids. In reality that's like someone being told to play hockey like Wayne Gretzky and being handed only one skate.

In my interview with the Link,I also spoke of a deeper philosophical cancer that is eating its way out from the inside of the Olympics movement. This cancer is so complex that it incorporates professionalism jingoism, propagandism and an unhealthy emphasis on winning, all the while pushing and proding the athlete towards these dangerous pharmaceuticals.

Unfortunately you decided that this would be far too intelligent or newsworthy (shudder!) to print and instead gave us this really high brow stuff ("Hey do you think there's any way to fit any aliens or Elvis in there?"). Perhaps they just get confused by things too subtle or perhaps they're just very bad journalists. Whatever the reason, their editing of a very frank and extensive interview left *the Link* with a typically one dimensional story that leaves no one the more educated. At its very best the article was absolutely innuous, at worst I was misrepresented. But then again what can you expect when dealing with enquiring minds?

Neale McDevitt

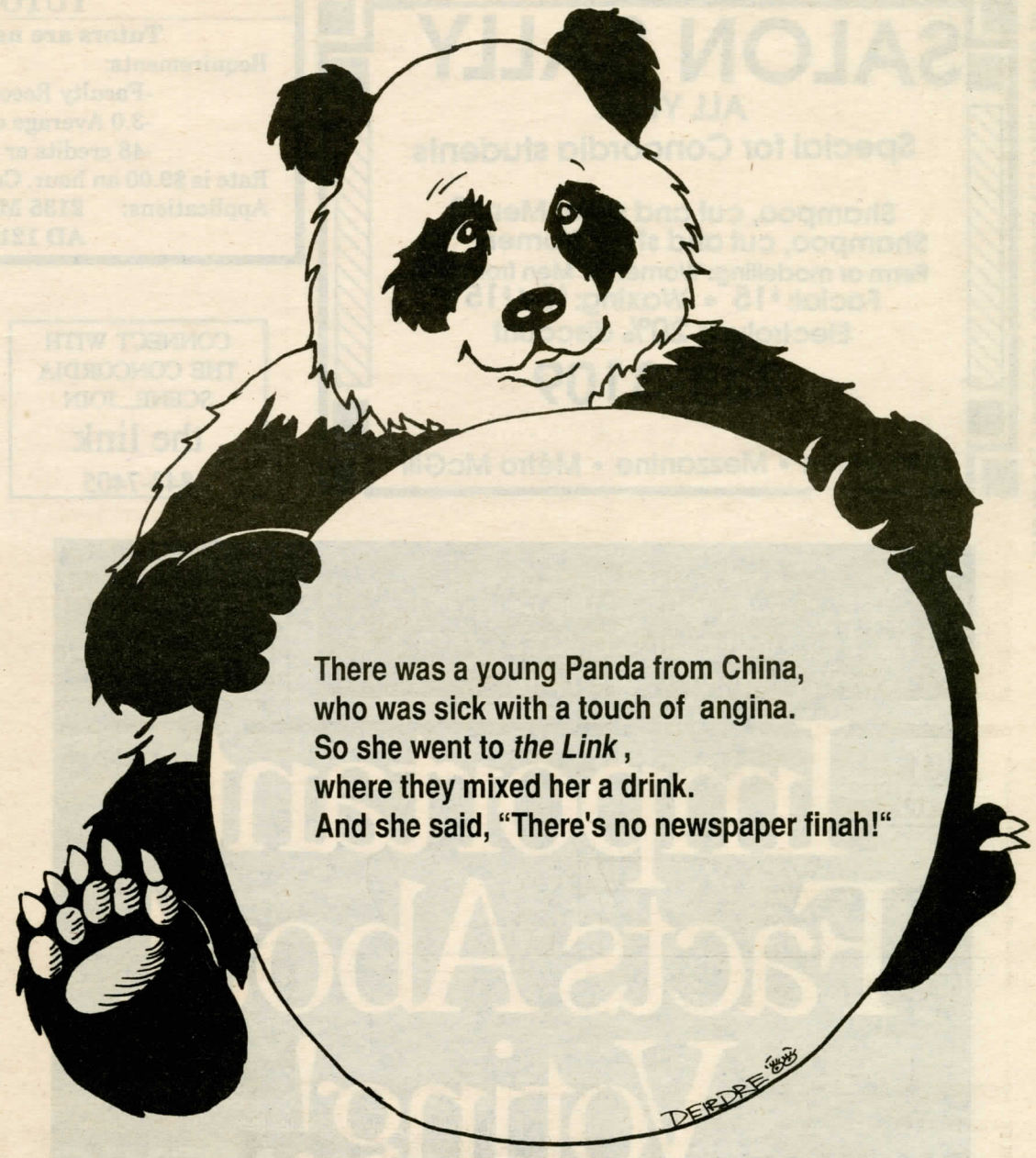
Lecturing to zombies

to the editors,

Jeffrey Schwartz (*Link* comment - October 4) blames his mind numbing education on the professors. He describes them as "lazy, indifferent, ill-prepared, unmotivated and irresponsible." It's true, some are; however, similar adjectives are easily applicable too many students. Instead of allowing themselves to be lulled to sleep in class, why aren't students speaking out? Why not make it clear to the professor that the lecture is not relevant or clear? Lecturing to zombies can't be too stimulating either! Students can learn to think critically. Ask questions. Get answers. Be persistent. Seek the support of other students or student organisations. Become involved. University isn't just an interlude between CEGEP and a big paycheck.

Ongoing participation is an essential aspect of education. Learning does not occur in a vacuum; students should recognize and share in the responsibility. The "return on their investment," will to a large extent reflect their contribution to their education.

Marie Morin-Bechard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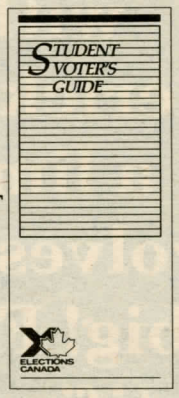

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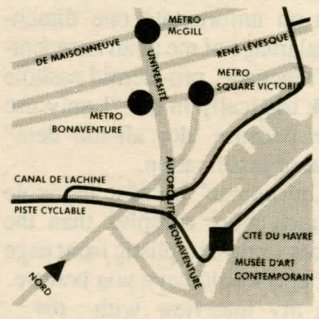

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Doing it drug-free

by Claude Hebert

Are athletes and their coaches, managers and helpers all trying to be cheaters? Or is drugs in sports the result of an outdated misdirected concept of success?

My name is Claude Hebert. I work at Concordia's Science and Engineering Library and I have also been one of the coaches for the Canadian National Weightlifting Team since 1979. My involvement in this sport has been on-going for the last fifteen years — at times as an athlete, but also as a referee and administrator. I was President of the Quebec Federation from 1982 to 1984. I was also a member of the board for the Quebec and Canadian Federations from 1978 to 1984.

In the early 1980's the prevalent use of drugs in weightlifting seemed like the direction of the future. Everyone who participated in the activities of the National Federation was caught in this belief and direction. Or at least we were pressured into accepting this philosophy. As stated in one of last week's issues of *the Link* by an ex-lifter, drugs seemed to be here to stay.

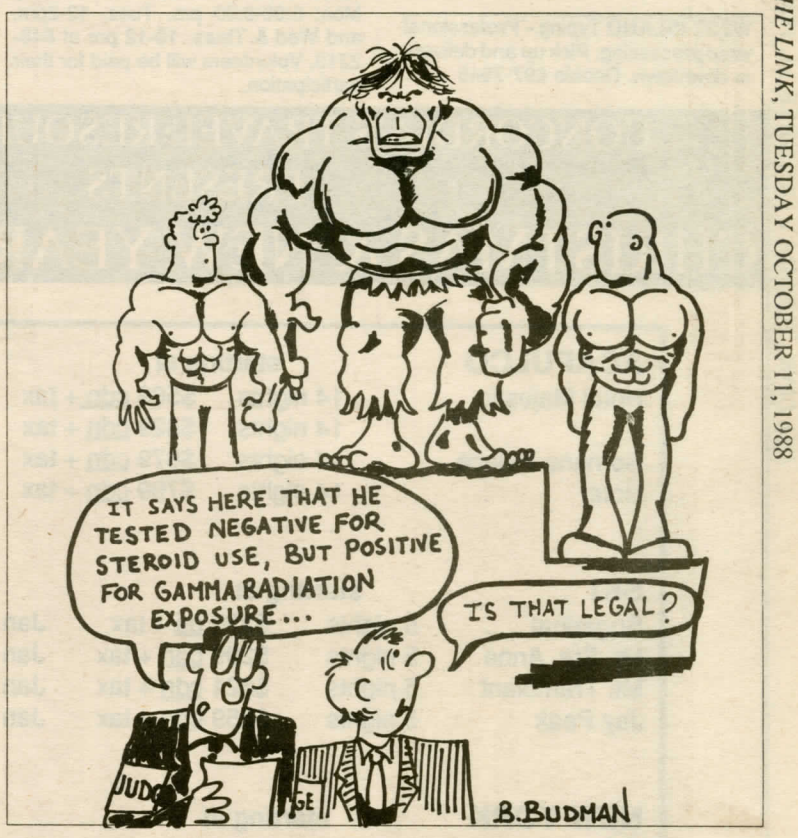
Fortunately and ironically, disaster struck the Canadian sports scene in 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 and again the 1988 Olympics, where Canadian athletes resulted positive on doping tests. In no way do I blame, belittle or accuse any of these athletes for taking drugs. Although they are ultimately responsible for their mistakes, the people advising them to do so (may it be their coaches or others) are to carry much of the blame and should carry much of the punishment.

As early as the 1983-84 season I came to the conclusion that using drugs that are meant to treat some very serious disorders in humans are not to be the way of the future for the healthy and bright athletes. This is especially apparent in view of the serious side effects caused by the drugs and the long term possibility of permanent damage to the individuals. Secondly, why expose an athlete to the failure and embarrassment caused by a positive drug test? Governments, the IOC, International Sports Federation, all condemn the use of drugs, so why incite such punishment onto the athlete? Thirdly, and more importantly, there are other ways of improving performance then by cheating and endangering a person's health.

About five years ago, along with a few friends, I embarked on a project to produce drug-free elite weightlifting athletes. The methods we used are those used around the world but never in Canada, at least not in weightlifting. So far we have been able to produce two or three athletes for the National Team every year. Our most successful example is an athlete named Alain Bilodeau. The 22 years old, a full time university student, competing at 82.5 kgs. bodyweight, with lifts of 142.5 k. snatch and 170 k. clean and jerk, had the highest lifts by a Canadian drug-free athlete (or for that matter, even out of the drug users) in the under 23 years group. He missed the Olympics by 5 kg., but he will be at the World University Games, and the Commonwealth Games in the near future. He is also prepared to best the National records during the coming season. All without drugs. Consider also that he is only the first product of such a system; the ones coming after will be even better.

The impossible is being proved possible: Elite performances and no drugs.

And a similar groups of athletes, all talented, serious and successful, is developing in the Concordia community.



Bring drugs out of the closet

by Carl Panzram

In the wake of L'Affaire Johnson has come entirely too much loose talk about athletes, drugs and the Olympics, and I can see it'll be necessary to throw a little of the baking soda of common sense on this stove-top grease-fire of inflamed opinion.

For the starters, let us peel back a bit of the hype that surrounds the Olympics, and see them for what they are: a multizillion dollar drug fueled freak show whose true purpose has a lot more to do with advertising than with human achievement. And I hate to tell you this, but all of the athletes are doping. You know those sweet little girl gymnasts with the unpronouncable last names? Toward the age of ten or elevan they are put on courses of drugs that act to delay menarche, the onset of puberty , because sudden growth spurts can get in the way of perfect scores on the horizontal bars.

The simple truth is that every year new tests are devised to detect doping, and every year new drugs are produced to get around them (not to mention a few not-so-high-tech methods such as cathetering someone else's drug-free urine into one's body to produce a clean sample—this one came to light a few years ago when a power lifter tested pregnant). The true winners are the drug producers, but let's get back to them in a minute.

Taking performance-enhancing drugs, even ruinously harmful ones, is the logical outcome of Olympic training. If you want to be the world's best sculler or discuss thrower, you scull or you throw that discuss, and that is all you do. These people have lives you and I wouldn't spit on. This sort of "dedication" (read "obsessive monoculture of mind and body") doesn't leave time for the cultivation of anything more than the most basic of social and life skills. Having sacrificed their lives to sport, would it not be inhumane of us to deny them the drugs they need to achieve Olympic glory?

Denying drugs their rightful place in Olympic competition is every bit as hypocritical as the unctous fiction that these people are in any way "amateur" athletes (but that's another rant for another day). Let us understand that if we want to see a human being run the 100 yard dash in 5 seconds, it's going to take some mean-assed pharmaceuticals to assist our most naturally talented athletes to get there.

So, why not rationalize the games and bring drugs out of the closet by allowing the great pharmaceutical concerns of the world to directly sponsor and dope their own athletes, much in the same way that Gulf and STP sponsor Formula One race drivers. As an added benefit, this would de-politicize the games. CibaGeigy, Upjohn, Glaxo and A.G. Chmie Incs would be much less likely to boycott each others' games than would certain superpowers we could mention. Multinational corporation have a way of arriving at understandings that nations often don't.

Speak your mind. Submit a Comment to the Link.

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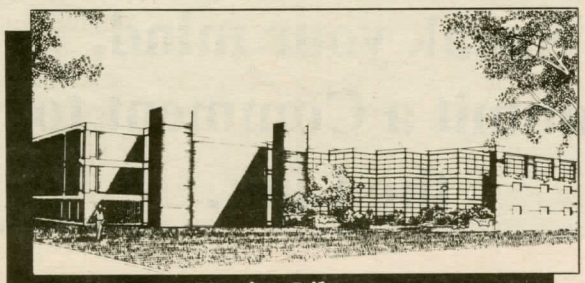
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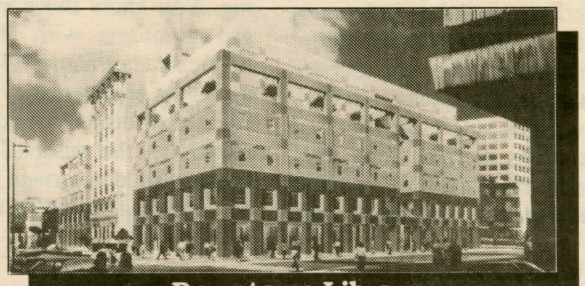
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Sports*beat*

Concordia beats Queens 29-15

Stingers sizzle against Queen's Golden Gaels

by Keith Mills

For those still interested, Concordia's football team proved they were capable of playing a winning game last Saturday.

When the Stingers took to Loyola field against Queen's they played the type of game they could be proud of.

Jean Francois Heroux ran for two touchdowns and Concordia's defense intercepted Queen's quarterbacks three times as the Stingers beat the Golden Gaels 29-15.

"The offensive line played a great game," Heroux said. They were opening holes all day."

Queen's scored first in the game after a fake field goal on the third down. Quarterback Paul Senyshyn ran a keeper for the first score.

After falling behind early in the game, the Stingers' defense quickly turned things around by blocking an attempted field goal.

On the ensuing possession Concordia QB Ron Aboud started from his own 46 yard line and moved the team in to tie the score.

Aboud hooked up with Heroux and Colatosti for big gains before Heroux ran it in for the first of his two touchdowns.

Following an interception by Johny Dilegge, the Stingers put together another long drive, this time from their own 26 yard line.

Key catches by wide recievers Micro Buth and Patrick Yoshy established Concordia deep in Queen's territory.

After failing twice from inside the 5 yard line, Ron Aboud carried it in for the major.

Just before the half, Aboud hooked up with Buth for another touchdown, putting Concordia up 19-7.

The second half was led defensively by Stephane Chapados(2 interceptions, 105 yards). The Stinger's continued to pressure Queen's quarterbacks.

"It was a great team effort," Chapados said. "The defensive line forced Queen's quarterbacks out of the pocket, forcing them to throw the ball early."

Heroux' (2 touchdowns, 9 rushes; 106 yards) touchdown early in the second half put the score up to 26-7 and the game well out of the Golden Gaels' reach.

Queen's responded late in the game.

Back-up quarterback Tim Pendergast connected with Dan Wright for the major, and Jack Climie for the first two point conversion.

But the outcome had already been decided.

Led by the stellar performances of Heroux and Chapados, Concordia played an inspired ball game. To keep their playoff hopes alive, the Stingers will need another effort of this kind next Saturday, when they take on Bishop's.

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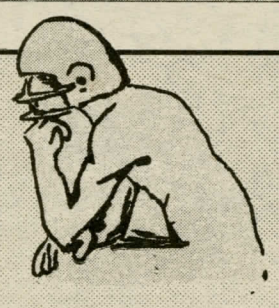
Sports*trivia*

by Sylvain Bouchard



1. Match the following sports figures to their synonyms.
   a) Greg Louganis
   b) Ben Johnson
   c) Carl Lewis
   d) Korean Boxing Judge
   e) North Korea's idea of the1988 Olympics
   1) Victim
   2) Deplorable
   3) Bribe
   4) Courage
   5) Arrgance

2.Most succesful athlete to combine stoutness and performance.
   a) Andre The Giant
   b) Woodie Fryman
   c) Petr Svoboda
   d) Roumanian gymnastics team (Together on a scale)

3.Which of the following athlete(s) could be suspect of steroids use?
   a) N.Y. Mets' 3rd baseman regg Jefferies
   b) Midget wrestler "Little Beaver"
   c) Guy Lafleur
   d) Pascual Perez
   e) West Germany's female athletes

4. Associate the following given names with their "fruity" surnames or nicknames.
   a) Darryl
   b) Don
   c) Damon
   d) Mario Tremblay
   e) Bob
   1) Cherry
   2) Berry
   3) Strawberry
   4) Berryhill
   5) Blueberry

5. Match the following wrestlers to their words of wisdom.
   a) Ted Dibiase
   b) The British Bulldogs
   c) Hulk Hogan
   d) Randy Savage
   e) King Kong Bundy

   1) "Worship me, suckers!"
   2) "Ooooooh Yeaaaaaah!"
   3) "Everything has a price!"
   4) "Not on the rug Mathilda!"
   5) "My favorites — song: I Want Muscles; movie: Hair; musical group: The Fat Boys."

Arsenault optimistic

High hockey hopes

by Paul Porfilio

It doesn't matter that the men's Stingers hockey team lost nine of their last 11 games.

Forget the fact that they lost the first round to the McGill Redmen.

Head coach Paul Arsenault says he's still optimistic about the upcoming season.

He believes his club will be a force to be reckoned with despite the loss of their all-star goaltender and several veteran forwards, including Andre Chartrand.

"We've been able to replace these veterans with quality players that are as good, if not better," Arsenault said.

"Goaltender Robert Desjardins was an all-star in the Quebec Junior Major Hockey League for the Victoriaville Tigers. And rookie centre Jean Gravel, a terrific centre who we feel is filled with great potential, will help us tremendously offensively."

The team will be starting the season with an all-rookie defense. This normally constitutes a handicap, but coach Arsenault feels that this edition is superior to last year's.

"This group of defensemen is very talented, but will take a little time to adjust to the league and to gell as a cohesive unit," Arsenault said.

"As a result goaltending will have to be especially strong in order for us to be competitive."

Rob Boyle, a third year veteran left winger, agrees with the coach that the key to the first half of the season will be goaltending.

"Our goaltenders will have to make up for the defense's lack of experience. Actually, goaltending is one of our strengths this year so we are confident they can do the job and keep us in the game until the defense matures," said Boyle, who is eligible to play only after Christmas.

In an attempt to solidify the defense, coach Arsenault switched Blake Hambeton from forward to defense and rookie defenseman Todd Adams to a forward position.

"Todd Adams was having trouble on defense so we moved him to a forward position on a line with Richard Laplante," Arseneault said. "This mancouvre proved to be very successful in our 5-2 win over Ottawa where Todd Adams scored three goals."

Boyle adds, "In the past few years we didn't have many guys who could put the puck in the net consistantly, so we had to rely on solid teamwork in order for us to succeed.

"The good thing about this club is that we have some good scoring potential in Richard Laplante and John Gravelle."

"We can't neglect the physical aspects of the game, and that is something we will have to improve on to be competitive."

Coach Arsenault says that the main problem with the club is not the quality, but quantity of players.

"We are kind of short on bodies so if there are any injuries we're going to be in trouble because we don't have anyone to replace them. For instance, during this weekend's games at the Trois Rivieres tourney, we were able to dress only 17 players out of a possible 20.

"We believe that we can rectify the situation by Christmas. We will be doing some scouting of local talent so we should have more athletes by then."

This year's coaching staff will include, Yves Beaucage, former Mcgill Redmen assistant coach. Coach Arsenault feels he is a valuable addition to the team.

"There are so many duties that a coach must undertake that there just isn't enough time for me to devote to them.

"Therefore, Yves Beaucage will help me in several tasks, such as practices, and keep statistics for me during games. This way I can devote all my energy to what's happening on the ice and work on strategy.

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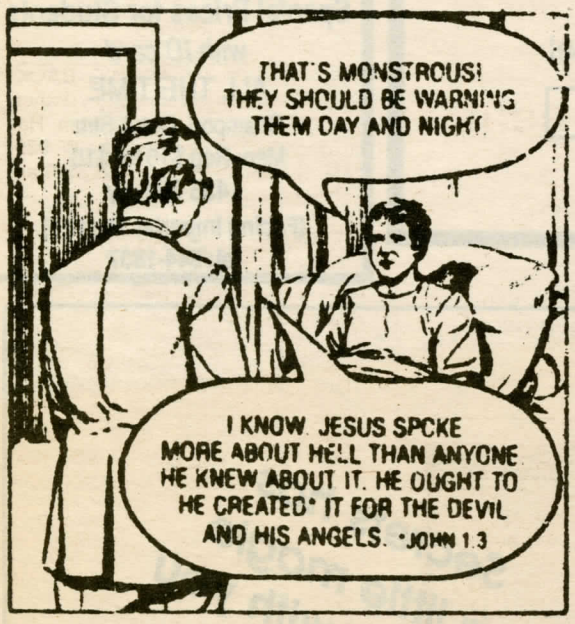
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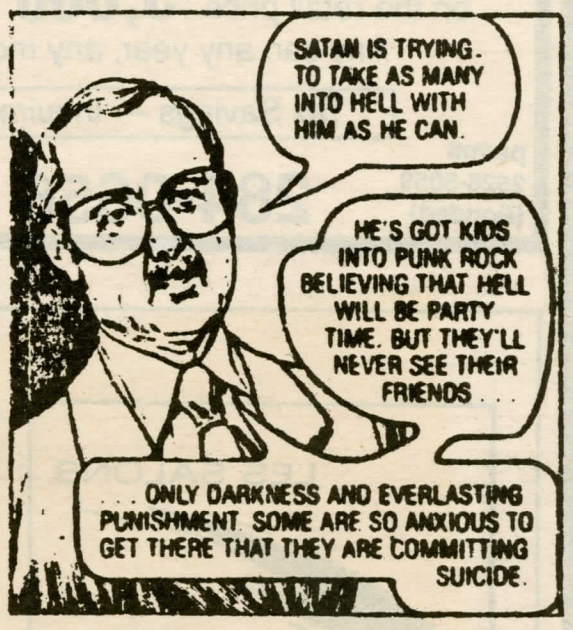
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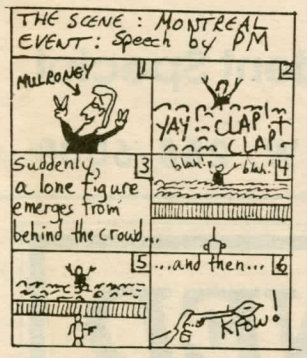

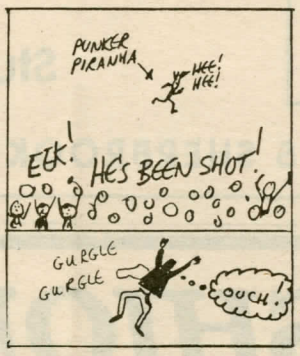

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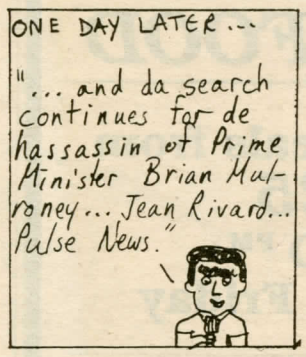

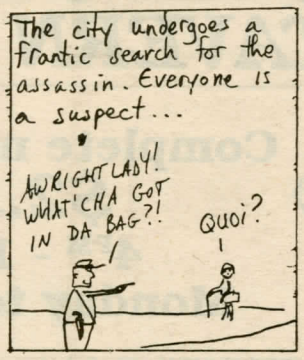

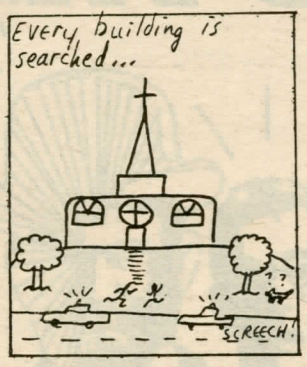

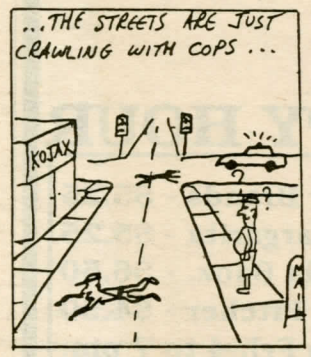

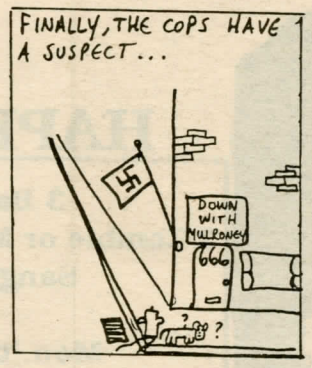

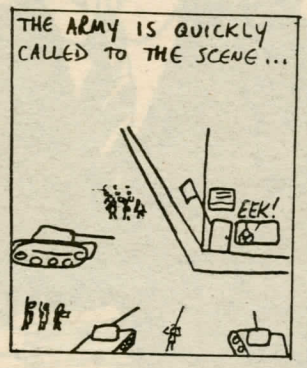

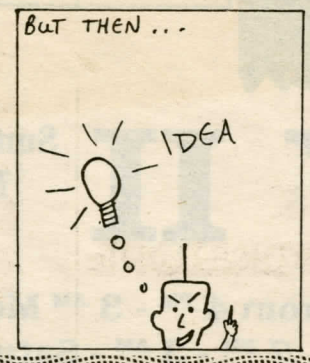

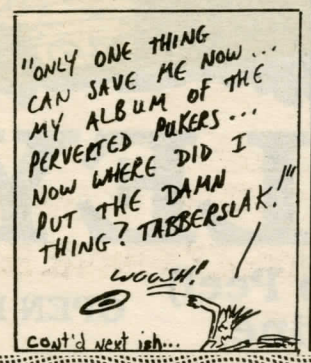
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WOOSH!
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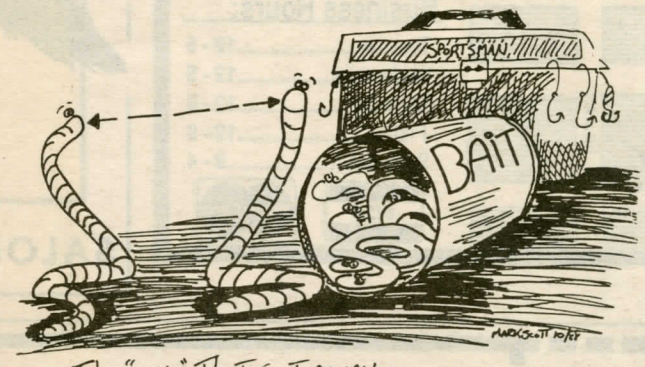

The "ONE" That GOT AWAY.

SUBMIT YOUR COMICS TO *the Link*

Benx

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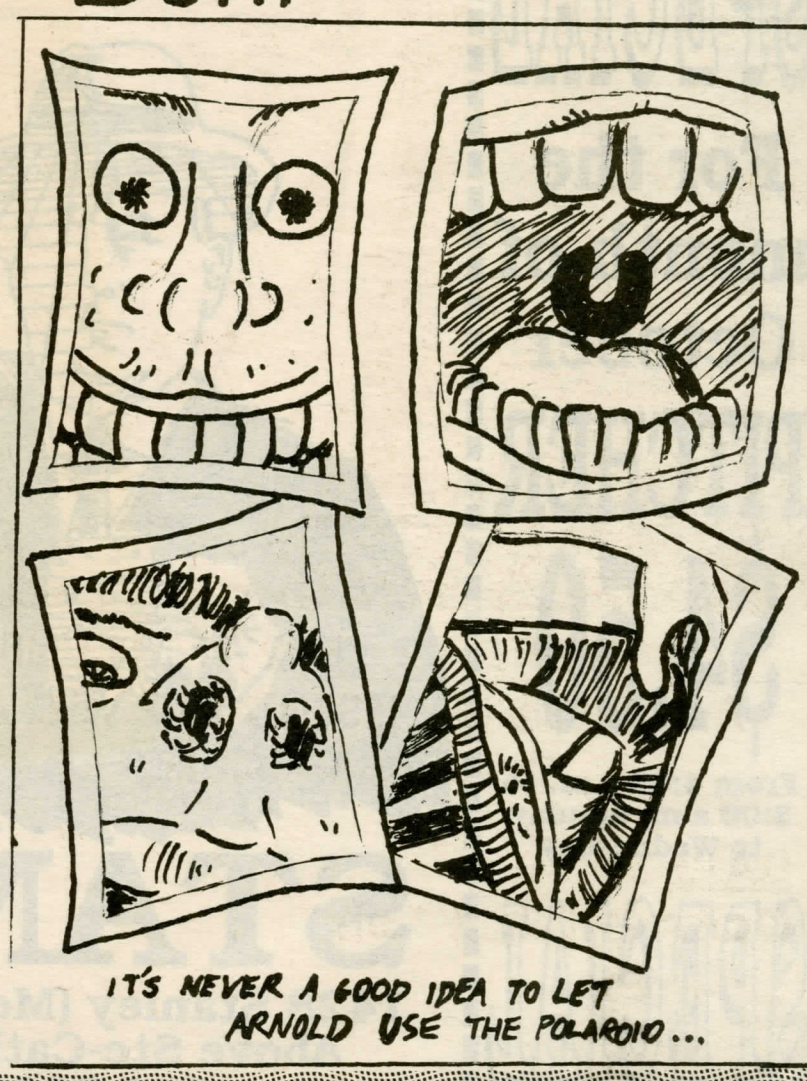

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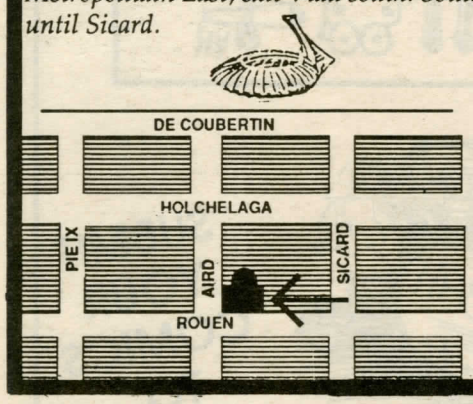

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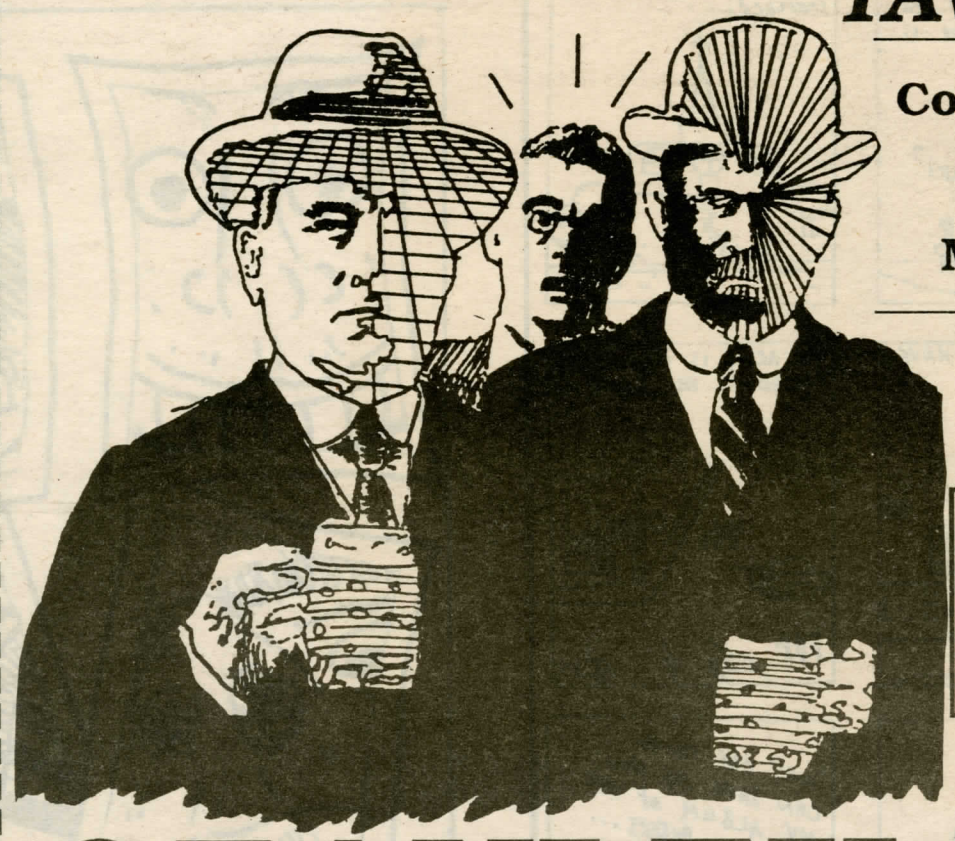

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